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FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES – 8 PM

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICES – 9:30 AM

“Pearls of Wisdom”



Our Rabbi writes....

After the endless parade of holidays, it is almost with a sense of relief that we begin a month devoid of celebration. The month of Cheshvan is referred to by the Talmud and works of Jewish law as ‘Mar Cheshvan’ the bitter month of Cheshvan. The bitterness this month is labeled with is due to the absence of holidays or special celebrations. Chanukah is down the road, but for now, our calendar is quiet.

While there are no holidays this month, there are other dates of historical importance. The one most significant to me is November 9th, the anniversary of the infamous pogrom that swept across Germany in 1938, destroying most synagogues and consigning 30,000 Jews to concentration camps. It was the beginning of the Holocaust, and a tragic end to the one-thousand-year history of German Jewry.

Some years back on a trip to Germany, I visited a classmate from YU who had become the chief rabbi of Munich. We toured the city, which was very interesting. It was the center of the Nazi party and is filled with landmarks marking the rise and reign of their evil crusade. My friend pointed out to me the town hall, where, on November 9th, 1938, Joseph Goebbels, the Nazi propaganda chief, summoned his storm troopers to attack and terrorize German Jews. "And two years ago," my friend proudly told me "I hosted a national conference of German rabbis, meeting in the same room that Goebbels used."

What a strange turn of history, that the same walls that hosted hatred and evil became a place of renewal for the Jewish people. "Mar Cheshvan" the bitter, empty month, can be a time of renewal and rebirth. Jewish life is an endless tale of renewal and revival. Let this month be the same for us.

If you're missing Rabbi Pearl's weekly Friday night sermon, you're missing (1) his opening joke; (2) his discussion of how the week's Torah reading is relevant to our lives today; (3) his inspirational blessing; and (4) our lively discussions & delicious treats at the Oneg. Services are one hour; congregation participation is welcome & rewarding.

Friday Night Candle Lighting
Nov 1st at 5:34 pm
Nov 8th at 4:27pm
Nov 15th at 4:20 pm
Nov 22nd at 4:16pm
Nov 29th at 4:13 pm

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Marty Eisenberg



This month, I am thankful for many things and people. I have to thanks the people who have come to services regularly so we can make a minyan. Thanks to Marat Khalfin

and his family, Kevin and Lee Brosnick, Richie Finkelstein, Oleg and Aiden and all the others who helped Eduardo put up and take down our beautiful Succah. Thanks to the Hebrew school for the decorations in the Succah. Janice, Laurie and Susan thanks for putting together the Succah dinner. Of course, thanks to Kevin Brosnick, for the wonderful appeals on the High Holidays, and Rabbi Pearl, for leading the moving services. I am also thankful to the Board of Trustees for working together to get the parking lot repaved in time for Rosh Hashanah. Most of all, I wish to thank all of you for your continued support of the congregation. May we all have more to be thankful for this year and next.

On a sadder personal note, I wish to note the passing of Rae Ganzman. She was a friend, a longtime member of the congregation and former co-president of the Sisterhood with Rita Eisenberg. She will be missed.

To all, have a wonderful Thanksgiving.



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SISTERHOOD UPDATE

Sandy Levy
President

Now that the Holidays are over, we at Sisterhood hope that you all have had meaningful services and special times with your family and friends. We hope that this following year brings all of you good health and happiness.

Our parking lot has been repaired and I'm proud to say that sisterhood was able to contribute a sizable amount to this project. Special thanks go to Marty Eisenberg and Kevin Brosnick for seeing this project through.

Our next book club selection is "The Women by Kristin Hannah. This book has been a best seller and the recipient of much recognition. We look forward to a lively discussion.

Laurie Raps is arranging a theater party for the beginning of May. The show will be on a Sunday at Wagner College and will be, "Let it Be". If you are interested, please call Laurie or Susan.

At the JCC there is a new kosher caterer, "Chickies" which we may try out for a lunch. It has gotten favorable reviews.

Janice, Laurie and Susan did a fine job on our Sukkah dinner. It was lovely and we thank them for all of their efforts.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 12th, at 8 p.m. on Zoom. Please join us. We would love to have you as part of our group.

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

Movie Night at our Synagogue: Judgment at Nuremberg

Saturday, November 2nd at 7:30pm

Sisterhood Meeting on Zoom

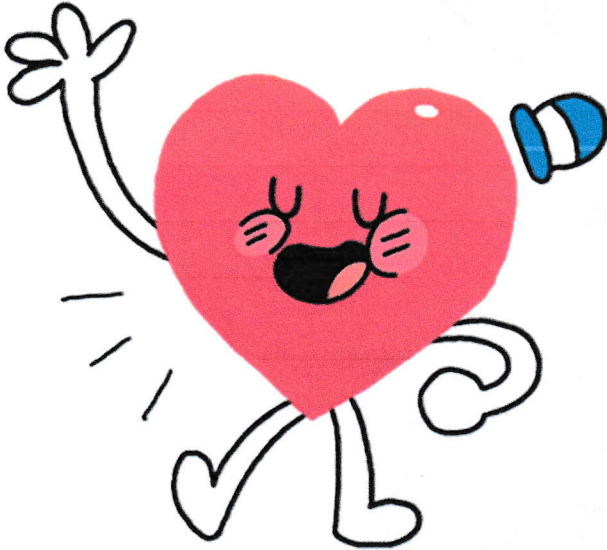
Tuesday, November 12th at 8 pm

Wagner College Theatre: "Let It Be"

May 2025 – contact Laurie or Susan to indicate interest

News Around the Shul..

Welcome to our CBI family!!!! SONIA LAM



Our new parking lot...paving the way for your active participation.



CONGRATULATIONS



Family News:

Andrea Weiser on the birth of her grandson.

Celebrating November Birthdays



November 1st - Richie Finkelstein

November 9th – Marvin Cooper

November 27th – Rita Eisenberg

Please let our editor know your birthday (month & day are sufficient. We don't require the year unless you want to brag!). Also, send anniversaries or other milestone events. We love noting happy occasions. Information can be emailed to oceanview@si.rr.com.

Many Thanks for Your Generous Donation

September & October

Lillian Brosnick & Marvin Cooper - for sponsoring an Oneg & Kiddush

Ana Cramer - in memory of Mark Cramer

Eleanor Dovdavany - in honor of Memorial Luncheon Committee

Susan and Richie Finkelstein - in memory of Rhoda Moddel

Jack and Laverne Gerner

Marilyn Goldstein - in memory of Stuart Goldstein

Charlie and Ilene Greinsky - in memory of Ruth Greinsky

Rita Hauser - in memory of Samuel Hauser

Gloria Hirsch - in memory of Nathan and Anna Preiser
Betty Jensen - in memory of Shlomo Klainminc
Sharon and Joel Pekuly - in memory of Bernard and Gladys Greenglass
Perel family - for sponsoring a Kiddush in memory of Sofia and Yuri Perel
Sandra and Stephen Poris - in memory of Jennie Poris and Paul White
Janice and Neal Rappaport - for sponsoring a Kiddush to honor the memory of Scott Rappaport
Laurie and David Raps - for sponsoring an Oneg and Kiddush in honor of David Raps' birthday
Ira and Francine Sklar - in memory of Miriam Sklar
Uchitelev family
Al and Sophia Cohen - in memory of Sol Cohen
Rita Hauser - in memory of Jerry Hauser
Norman Smith - in memory of Beverly B Smith
Janice Tepper - in memory of Harold Zalstein
Kevin & Michelle Brosnick - for donating the Kol Nidre & Yom Kippur appeal cards

thank you!

Sending Warm Wishes

In our thoughts & prayers – Jay Goretzsky

With Deepest Sympathy - We are all saddened at the passing of Rae Ganzman, devoted wife of Joel Ganzman and beloved mother of Matthew, Adam & Beth. May you be comforted by her blessed memory.

Yahrzeits for November 2024

Hebrew Date/ 2024 Date*	Yahrzeit of	Member	Relationship to Member
1 Cheshvan Nov 2 nd	Mildred Raps	David Raps	Mother
3 Cheshvan Nov 4 th	Chaim ben Yisroel	Flora Berenshteyn	Father
4 Cheshvan Nov 5 th	Alexander Krongauz	Tanya Gutt	Father
5 Cheshvan Nov 6 th	Philip Tenenzapf	Sandy Levy	Grandfather
6 Cheshvan Nov 7 th	Max Besen	Ana Cramer	father
6 Cheshvan Nov 7 th	Shirley Dunn	Arnold Dunn	Mother
7 Cheshvan Nov 8 th	Sara Tenezapf	Sandy Levy	Grandmother
10 Cheshvan Nov 11 th	Isaak Rudshteyn	Yuriy Rudshteyn	Father
13 Cheshvan Nov 14 th	Galina Khalfin	Marat Khalfin	Mother
14 Cheshvan Nov 15 th	Morris Kettner	Dr Steven Goldstein	Father-in-law
21 Cheshvan Nov 22 nd	Yetta Sohn	Rita Eisenberg	Mother
27 Cheshvan Nov 28 th	Rebecca Herzekow	Harris Schwartz	Grandmother-in-law

*Yahrzeits begin on the evening before the given date. If you need to say Kaddish for a Yahrzeit, please call the office two weeks before and we will try to assemble a Minyan, most often via Zoom. It would be helpful if you have a few family members or friends attend the services to ensure there is a Minyan. For additions or corrections to this list, please contact Laurie Raps at 718-967-4975 or sparl1012@aim.com.



The clocks may turn back, but we will be looking forward (to seeing you at our special events). Wishing you & your family a Happy Thanksgiving.

With warmest regards,
Yolanda

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